## **Introduced by Senator Battin**

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April 28, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Relative to California Indian Heritage Month.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 28, as amended, Battin. California Indian Heritage Month. This measure would proclaim November 2003 as California Indian Heritage Month, encourage its observance with activities that celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and commend California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush proclaimed November
- 2 2002 as National American Indian Heritage Month in recognition
- 3 of American Indians and Alaska Natives: and

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WHEREAS, California Indians, through their rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry, have made vital contributions to the strength and diversity of our society; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the sovereignty of the California Indian nations to be self-governing, self-supporting, and self-reliant, we are working to protect and enhance tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, As of the last census, over 330,000 American Indians were living in California, more than any other state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims that the month of November 2003 be recognized as California Indian Heritage Month, encourages the observance of this event with activities that celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and takes this opportunity to commend California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this great state; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.